I am pleased to announce that I am once again accepting entries for the Annual Congressional High School Art Competition. The purpose of this event is to recognize and showcase the rich artistic talents and creativity of young Americans. The winning entries, one for each congressional district, will hang in the U.S. Capitol in Washington, D.C. for a full year, providing the artist with national exposure.

Please review the guidelines for the 2011 Congressional Art Competition here: http://www.house.gov/house/2011-art-competition-guidelines-students.pdf

Deadlines:

April 18, 2011: Photo of artwork must be submitted to my assistant, Melanie Sharry, by email at melanie.sharry@mail.house.gov . For alternate arrangements, please contact Melanie by e-mail.

April 29, 2011: Winning artwork announced.

May 10, 2011: Student release form must arrive in Washington, D.C.

May 24, 2011: Framed artwork must arrive in Washington, D.C.

Mid-Late June: Ceremony Honoring Student Winners in the Capitol. Winner given 2 roundtrip tickets to Washington, D.C., courtesy of Southwest Airlines.